



Dear School Administrator:

Please forward to appropriate personnel at your elementary and middle school(s)!

The Iowa Star Schools Project is pleased to once again announce that a new round of competitive "connectivity awards" for public elementary and middle schools will be available during the 2002-2003 school year. These awards will likely fund items such as telecommunications connections for Internet access, videoconferencing, computers for connection to the Internet, various equipment for student produced media as well as staff development for teachers in the use of various telecommunications and technology. Please note that once again the focus for Star Schools awards during this period will be on public elementary and middle schools.

We anticipate that \$2.4 million will be available for these awards. The maximum amount that will be awarded to any one school will be \$25,000 for new awards. The maximum amount for continuation awards will be \$8,500.

As in the previous two years, we will mail the application materials to every Iowa public school superintendent no later than **August 1, 2002**. The application deadline will be **September 30, 2002**. You can also periodically check out the Iowa Distance Learning Database (www.iptv.org/iowa_database) Web site for information about the fall competition. Click on the "More information..." link associated with the feature paragraph entitled "Star Schools Connectivity Site Contracts: Year 3." If you and/or your staff wish to receive e-mail updates about the Star Schools Connectivity Site contracts, please send your e-mail address to Kathy Borlin (kathy@iptv.org) and request to be placed on the CSC listserv.

Feel free to contact me at 1-800-532-1290 or pam@iptv.org if you have any questions about the upcoming award process.

Sincerely yours,

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